

House Resolution No. 2086

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State couples who have admirably demonstrated the strength and vitality of their love through the longevity of their marital vows; and

Whereas, Andrew Jackson “A.J.” and Catherine Blankenship of Thayer celebrated their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary on April 10, 2004, at the Thayer Senior Citizens Center with a gathering which was organized and sponsored by their children; and

Whereas, on April 9, 1954, A.J. Blankenship took the hand of his bride, the former Dora Catherine Rouintree, as the two pledged their troth during a solemn ceremony in Saldis, Mississippi, which united them as husband and wife; and

Whereas, the union of A.J. and Catherine Blankenship has been blessed down through the years with the love and affection of three children, Jacqueline Norton of Rogers, Arkansas; Terry V. Blankenship of Union, Missouri; and David C. Blankenship of West Plains, Missouri; and

Whereas, A.J. and Catherine Blankenship have also enjoyed the presence of four wonderful grandchildren in their lives; and

Whereas, A.J. supported his growing family through his work at the local Feed Store and Morris’s Furniture, as a carpenter who retired in 1980, and as a farmer who is still active in agricultural production; and

Whereas, Catherine made financial contributions to her family’s welfare through her thirty-eight years with the Missouri Department of Social Services, Division of Family Services, Alton office from which she retired in May 1991:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the long, successful marriage enjoyed by Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Blankenship and to convey to them this legislative body’s heartiest congratulations as they observe their Golden Wedding Anniversary and our best wishes for many more celebratory events to come in life; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Andrew J. and Dora Catherine Blankenship of Thayer, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Mike Dethrow
District No. 153

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 2086, adopted April 26, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker